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Re: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
Application Serial No. 09/990,507; Filed: November 21, 2001

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For: **Methods for Fluxless Brazing**

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Our Ref: 02057.0167.NPUS00

Sir:

Applicant submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form PTO/SB/30;
2. Information Disclosure Statement;
3. PTO Form 1449 2 pages (with 34 cited references);
4. Check no. 416243 in the amount of \$770.00; and
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 08-3038**. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby

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petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above docket number. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,



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